



Willa Jean Long

September 1, 1920 - June 1, 2008

Willa Jean Long, age 87, of Bolivar, Missouri passed away on at 7:50am, Sunday, June 1, 2008 at her home after a time of declining health.

She was born on September 1, 1920 to Franklin Newton Gann and Nellie Wilkerson Gann.

She was saved at an early age of 12 and was baptized at Greasy Creek east of Buffalo, Missouri. She had been a member at the Baptist churches in Buffalo and Willow Springs prior to becoming a member of the First Baptist Church of Bolivar in 1941. At the church in Bolivar she taught Children's Sunday School, Children's Choirs and was most recently a member of Mary Martha Sunday School Class. She was active in the Woman's Missionary Groups and the First Baptist Church Quilters.

She was united in marriage on March 28, 1936 to Paul Vernon Long. Paul preceded her in death on May 9, 1993. She was always a loving wife and companion to Paul and a marvelous homemaker and mother to their four children. She supported her family in music education, church education and family traditions. She became an active participant in the family business with Paul and her sons at Bolivar Hardware for more than 30 years until their retirement in 1983. She loved the art of sewing and made clothes for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an avid quilter and

made many quilts for her children and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; F.N. and Nellie Gann, four brothers; Oren, Fred, Francis and Cecil, two sisters; Opal Maddux and Juanita Cox.

Willa Jean is survived by her two daughters; Paula Jean Webb and her husband Jerry of Springfield, Missouri, Linda Sue Gothard and her husband Bobbie of Bolivar, Missouri, two sons; Charles N. Long and his wife Kay of Bolivar, Missouri and Tim Long of Bolivar, Missouri, 11 grandchildren; Pamela Webb, Rhonda Lewandowski, Richard Webb, Jay Webb, Sharon Muir, Paul W. Long, Tracy Welch, Barbara Lee, Paul Gothard, Alexis Besancenez and Caitlin Long, 20 great grandchildren; Andrew Webb, Mariah Webb, Elijah Webb, Autumn Webb, Daniel Lewandowski, Sarah Lewandowski, Rebecca Lewandowski, Phillip Lewandowski, Ethan Muir, Blake Long, Nicholas Long, Kennadie Long, Charlene Welch, Derek Welch, Sloan Welch, Devin Welch, Kellynn Welch, Lakyn Lee, Shayd Gothard and Kyndall Besancenez.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00am, Friday, June 6, 2008 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri with Dr. Harlan Spurgeon and Reverend Billy Russell officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar. Pallbearers will be Rick Webb, Jason Besancenez, Jay Webb, Kelly Welch, Mark Lewandowski, Paul W. Long, Paul Gothard and Rob Muir. Visitation will be from 6-8pm, on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorial contributions in memory of Willa Jean to the First Baptist Church, 316 N. Main Avenue, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

Friends may sign the guest book or send private condolences to www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Willa Jean Long*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Willa Jean Long*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Dear Children,
I dearly loved your Mother when I was a little girl going to SS at the
1st Bapt. Church. She was a beautiful woman in looks and in a truly
loving heart. Reading about her made me think of all the wonderful
things that she did.
You all have my condolences and I know that Mrs Long is in
Heaven with my dear Mother, Mrs. Waggoner.
Love in Christ,
Pat Waggoner McGhee*

Patricia (Waggoner) McGhee - June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Charles,*

My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Charles E. Pursley - June 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ Dear Charles and Kay, my sincere condolences on the loss of your beautiful mother. She lived and conveyed the "ideal" mother image. She always made me feel "at home" when I visited and you were helping me to appreciate jazz and george shearing. Please extend my sympathy to your family, you are in our thoughts and concerns. Fondly, Chuck and Linda Vaughn

chuck vaughn - June 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Cherie and I send are heartfelt sympathies. Willa Jean was a fine lady and I have many good memories working with her at Long's Hardware. May God bless you all.

Richard

Richard Crain - June 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I'll keep your family in my prayers. I'm sorry for your loss.
Pat Harris

Pat Harris - June 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM